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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/840,477	Applicant(s) CAMERON ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on **12.01.2008**, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. The new grounds of rejection are set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

4. **Claims 7-9** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shore [2003/0149662 A1], in view of Ali et al. [US 5,896,411], in view of Phillips Business Information Communications Standards News, and further in view of Business Editors and High-Tech Writers (hereafter Business) (March 2000).

As per claims 7-9, Shore discloses a system for reverse-control of a wireless mobile device (700) embodied in a computer having a processor, a memory, a connection to the internet [via point of ***purchase/sate terminal 710***] coupled to a wireless transmission channel port [***box (0085)***];

- a vendor device electronically coupled to the computer and having a display interface [as illustrated in figure 3 (e.g. ***transmitted/received***), and see paragraphs 87-89];

- the transmission occurring via the wireless transmission channel port of the computer to a compatible wireless transmission channel port on a wireless mobile device (710) automatically when the wireless mobile device enters a transmission range

of the wireless transmission channel port [via short range data transmission, and as illustrated in figure 6 (e.g. **eTicket System Software components**), and see paragraphs 75, 83, 102-116].

Shore also discloses the step of causing the wireless mobile device (3104) to interact wirelessly with the vendor device (3407) and a related micro payments accounting system [via micropayment system box (0470)]. The interaction with the related micro payments accounting system will cause the vendor device to provide a product or service to the holder of the wireless mobile device (via approval of **transaction using micropayment account 3203**).

Shore further discloses the interaction with a related micro payments accounting system will cause a charge to be made to the account of the holder of the wireless mobile device [**box (0455)**], and/or a charge to be made to the account of the holder of the wireless mobile device produces a debit to a prepaid digital account or aggregates the debit with other current debits to be billed to the account holder at month end [box (482) via settlement procedures as per contractual agreements].

Shore however fails to explicitly disclose a program to take control of the wireless mobile device's menuing, interaction and display functions, and taking control of the wireless mobile device when the wireless mobile device enters a range of the product device.

Ali discloses an enhanced mechanism for the reverse link power control in a wireless communication system, especially for high speed data applications and fixed wireless communication applications, dynamically adjusts the power **control step size**

of the reverse link power control. The power control step size is dynamically adjusted based on various factors including types of service, number of reverse supplemental code channels, total received power at the base station, estimated diversity gain and required mobility, among others. The system which includes stationary infrastructure, can query a subscriber unit's capability in the support of a pre-defined set of power control step sizes before assigning it to the subscriber unit. Furthermore, the subscriber unit may decide its optimized power control step size based on certain feedbacks from the system. In a specific embodiment, enhancement to the ANSI EIA/TIA-95 system is provided such that it supports a variable subscriber unit power control step size and associated signaling in accord with this invention [see the abstract].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Ali in order to facilitate wireless communication operating within a respective service area, which includes a base station and provides wireless communication capability operating in its respective service area [see summary of the invention].

Phillips Business further discloses the Bluetooth SIG technology to enhance and promote that will 'enable a wireless world'. The Bluetooth SIG technology provide an easier way for a variety of mobile computing, communications and other devices to communicate with one another to make wireless connections to the Internet, and to take control of the wireless mobile device's menuing, interaction and display functions [see ***page 2 of Phillips Business Information Communications***].

From this teaching of Phillips Business, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the wireless information transfers of Shore-Ali to include a program that takes control of a user's mobile device as taught by Phillips Business Information Communications in order to provide an easier way for a variety of mobile computing, communications and other devices to communicate with one another and to make wireless connections.

Furthermore, Business discloses a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) technology that allows a variety of handheld communication devices to connect to the Internet. WAP requires only that a simple "micro browser" be incorporated into the mobile phone or handheld computer, because the majority of all necessary functionality is built into the communication network. This technology provides a standard data communication interface between WAP- enabled Web sites and handheld devices, thus expanding the reach of those sites. WAP is similar to .java in that it simplifies application development. This reduces the cost of wireless application development and therefore encourages entry to the mobile industry by software developers, such as Access point. When viewing a web site from a wireless device the user will see the information reformatted specifically to match the display format of the device being used.

Therefore, from this teaching of Business, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the wireless information transfers of Shore to include a program that takes control of a user's mobile device as taught by Business in order to facilitate purchase of for example a can of coke from a vending machine, all with a cell phone.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims 7-9** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GARCIA ADE whose telephone number is (571)272-5586. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM - 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Gart can be reached on 571.272.3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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